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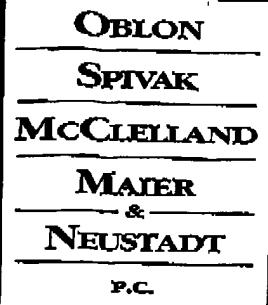
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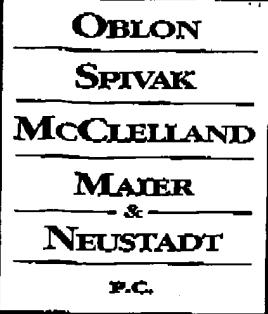


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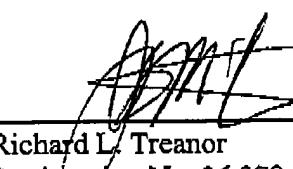
On May 30, 2003, Applicants filed an Amendment in this case in which it was stated that Applicants would submit a Rule 131 declaration demonstrating that the claimed invention was prepared in France prior to May 29, 2000. Attached hereto is this Rule 131 declaration.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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